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SAILI LE ATAMAI



"Manuia le Kerisimasi ma le Tausaga Fou" from the staff of Leo O Samoa to all students, faculty, staff and the administrators of the college. Newspaper staff members shown, from left, are Ricky Ho Chee, Robert Solia'i, Matalena Isumu, Makerita Letuligasenoa, Simativa Fe'a, Mark

Lagarejos, editor of this issue, and John Tafao. Not pictured is Naomi Wolf, also a member of the Leo O Samoa staff. This will be the last issue of the college paper for this semester but we will start publishing again Spring term. ---Photo by Hancy Henry.

CHRISTMAS IS AROUND THE CORNER

1980 Brings New Classes

There is a new term dawning and when 1980 rolls around and classes start again on January 28 ASCC will have some new courses to choose from.

Under the direction of Tu'ufuli Uperesa, director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, three college courses in Physical Fitness, each carrying one hour credit, will be taught in the new gym. Two of the classes are scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the morning and one comes on the afternoon, also on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mr. Uperesa said he hoped all students interested in sports will sign up for (Cont'd on Page 3)

Choose Ya Mascot

Arkansas has the Razorbacks, Texas has the Longhorns, the University of Hawaii has, of all things, the Rainbows, the University of Washington has the Huskies, Oregon State University has the Beavers, Central Washington University has the Wildcats, the University of Missouri has the Tigers and the University of Oregon has the Ducks. To name just a few.

So Leo O Samoa is conducting a contest among the students to choose a mascot for the college. Sharks would be great, but Samoana High School beat us to them. Lions would be fine but Leone thought so, too.

Hand in your mascot names to any member of Leo O Samoa staff. The winning suggestion gets an ASCC t-shirt.

14 ASCC Students Honored

The 1979-80 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES will carry the names of 14 students from American Samoa Community College who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group

of students selected from more than 700 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1966.

Students named this year from American Samoa Community College are:

Eseese Aolaolagi, Makerita Letuligasenoa, Elaine Liu, Moa Liufau, Noma Luaiufi, Salamasina Peneueta, Sofa Peni, Lipano Pua'atu'ua, Julia Pulu, Robert Rada, Mae Reed, Si'ulagi Solomona, Esther Tupua, Sonya Willis.

Photo Contest

Do you like to take pictures? Do you like to win prizes? Leo O Samoa is sponsoring a photo contest for ASCC students.

There are a few rules. Make the prints no smaller than 4 by 5 and no larger than 8 by 10, inches. They must be black and white because we want to use the winners in our newspaper and we can't print color.

We like scenes around the campus-people, flowers, animals, food, anything that's photogenic.

The prize? An ASCC t-shirt.

Give your entries to any member of the Leo O Samoa newspaper staff.

By: Makerita Letuligasenoa
It is December again and that means Christmas is just around the corner. And ASCC has many Christmas plans in the making.

Between now and the end of the term there will be holiday parties, Christmas music and-of course-final exams.

The college choir, directed by Robert Lewis, has been busy serenading the high schools and other groups around the island. It has a "sing-along" concert planned for noon on Thursday Dec. 20 in the auditorium. The 60-member choir will present songs, both in Samoan and in English, followed by group singing of Christmas carols by the audience.

Christmas is songs, parties, and a great deal more.

Christmas is a time of happiness when all the cares of the world seem to melt away and peace, joy and especially love fill the air. For the little ones it means seeing Santa Claus and asking him for toys as well as eating sweets. For others it is seeing the family united and for others it is reminiscing about the "good ol' days." For the teens it means partying and having fun with friends.

But Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a time to thank God for each new day, especially for every Christmas that is celebrated.

Christmas is a time for expressing love for one another by giving gifts, not to expect something in return but because it is within one's heart to give. God expressed this love for the world when Jesus was born.

Santa Claus is thinking about you

By: SANTA CLAUS
(and Robert Solia'i)

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas. Manuia le Kerisimasi from your Man of the Season, better known as Santa Claus.

I've been trying to get to everybody this year but if I don't I'll get you next year. But, tell me some of your plans for this long vacation. Maybe I'll give you some helpful hints.

Let me see. I'll just tour around this college campus and I'll talk to these ASCC students and faculty folks. So here I go and I'll tell you what they tell me. For instance:

Gloria Mane: I plan to spend Christmas at home while my family goes out.

Santa Claus: Don't worry, Gloria. I'll drop by to keep you company. I'll bring Cokes, ice cream and candy. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Ceilia Thomson: I plan to go to Western Samoa.

Santa Claus: I've always wanted to go there but my wife, Mrs. Santa Claus, is afraid I might never come back.

Gayla N.: I plan to fly to Hawaii. If not I'll stay here because I like Christmas parties.

Santa Claus: Parties? What's a better place than right here in Samoa?

Sophia Mane: I think I'll stay home. There are lots of parties my friends are planning.

Santa Claus: I'll drop by for the partying. Do you have a chimney? I'm used to coming in that way, you know.

Dr. Glenn Jones: I plan to visit my parents in San Francisco and I'd like to tell them about our good year here at ASCC.

Santa Claus: Well, I've

had a good year, too with my little workers up at the North (or is the South) Pole. But my little workers up (or down) there are getting tired of making trains. Maybe I'll let them build airplanes so Samoa can have more frequent plane service. Or perhaps I'll put them at making outrigger canoes. Who knows?

Florence Iwami: I plan to go home to Hawaii.

Santa Claus: Mele Kalikimaka. Aloha--till we meet again, Florence.

Sucie Fu'a: I plan to fly to San Diego to see my friends.

Santa Claus: It's cold on that Mainland. Tell your friends to come over here and spend Christmas on Utulei beach.

Anne Satele: I plan to travel-Hawaii, L.A., New York, New Zealand, Korea,

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CHRISTMAS 1979

"Tis the season to be jolly" is the most frequent phrase heard when Christmas is just around the corner -- and very soon exams will be all over and done with. That will make things even jollier around the ASCC.

Brightly blinking lights, presents beneath trees and harmonious voices bring out the spirit of REJOICE. These are some characteristics of the American way of celebrating Christmas.

Samoa has, along the years, adopted several of these holiday characteristics and has benefitted from them. In the olden days here people had no knowledge of the festival observed by the Christian church on the 25th day of December in commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Today, Samoans enjoy the atmosphere of amiable reunions in which they acknowledge their love for the Lord.

For a few, however, Christmas is treated as an occasion for the enjoyment of mundane pleasures. Self-centered, inconsiderate people often spoil the spirit of Christmas by the over-consumption of alcoholic beverages. Many believe this is where the happiness and fun are, not knowing that the same pleasures can be achieved by celebrating at home with family and friends in the traditional spirit of Christmas and all it stands for.

Christmas should be spent at home in the company of relatives and should become more than a regular family reunion. It should be seen as a time to thank the Lord for the various blessings given to us.

People should realize the importance of the upcoming event, known as Christmas, and should plan a memorable reunion of love and sharing.

Give it some thought, ASCC.

IT'S THE BEST!

Have you noticed the diminishing number of loafing students around the campus lately?

Well, if not, it's probably because you are one of the many ASCC students who have discovered the location of our new and very up to date cafeteria.

The new cafeteria is located in the newly dedicated Student Center, itself a most attractive place. The cafeteria is well equipped and already in operation. It got its first use when the great lunch was served to students and guests at the recent Open House.

There are cooks and counter people to serve you. The menu ranges from pastries to full course lunches. Soft drinks, milk, coffee, tea, and candy and gum are also sold.

So, if your stomach begins to talk to you, do it a favor and go on down to the new ASCC cafeteria. Try it. You'll like it.

ABOUT OVER

Fall semester ends in just a few days--hectic days of last-minute assignments, of exams, of finishing those term papers but when the smoke clears and you have time to think a bit, remember what a great semester this has been.

First off, we got to use the new buildings. Next came the Open House and Dedication when nearly 1,000 people came to visit us. In between we had a very successful SGA-sponsored dance and a play day and all those other things that went to make this a good term at ASCC.

More things are planned for spring semester than we ever had before. This will go down as ASCC's finest year! Come back next semester and enjoy it.

PICK IT UP

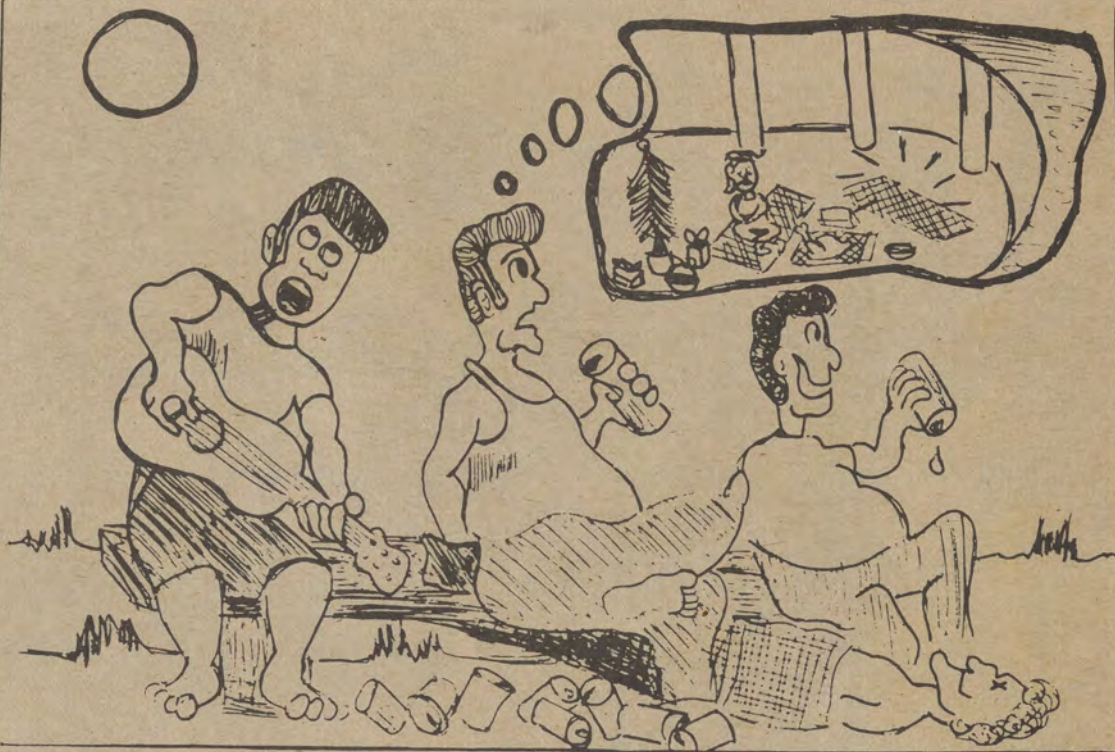
In an adjoining column we are using a "Letter to the Editor" in which the writer points out that the way to keep a campus clean is just that--keep it clean.

We have a little problem here at American Samoa Community College. It is the number of soft drink cans that seem to blossom and grow around campus. When the drink is gone, the trash cans--those white ones with the nice silver tops, want to gobble up the cans. Try them.

One other problem is paper. Wadded balls of paper probably were aimed at the trash cans--but missed their target. Try again.

If everybody takes it upon himself to Keep the Campus Clean we will have the good looking campus we all deserve. After all, we have \$3.9 worth of new buildings--and we don't want them to be lost in a sea of litter.

Now just who was it who said, "Give a hoot: don't pollute?"



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The first couple of hours before school starts, our restroom is as clean as your bedroom sheets but, sometime before lunchtime, the restroom area turns into a frightful jungle. In a short summary, strands of toilet paper hang from sink to sink, paper towels cling to the sink basin and sometimes drape from the ceiling while on more exciting days, items are strapped around the rim of the bowl. What is our restroom coming to?

I believe the ASCC maintenance crew has other areas in which it can be more productive. I also do not believe our teachers or counselors should have to supervise us like little children. We are old enough to clean up after ourselves.

Let us all keep our restroom clean and not punish others who have to wait until they go home. If this does not apply to you, then why don't you help your friends.

Annie Satele

Dear Editor:

Why won't students attend SGA elections or SGA assemblies? So far, I have attended a number of SGA assemblies from last year and the first assembly this year. Both years seem to have the same result: a staff with a lot to say but no one to say it to.

Perhaps one reason might be with the way the staff of SGA announces its assemblies or its upcoming activities. I, for one, feel that the staff is not acknowledging its activities well enough. They seem to depend too much on their so-called "helpful posters" to get the information across to the student.

They fail to inform students how important it is for them to attend and to participate in elections, assemblies and other activities.

But a question arises, "Is it important?"

I say that it is important.

It is healthy, physically and mentally, for one to get involved with one's school activities, yet no one does. I decided to take it upon myself to find out why. Walking around the campus, I asked students whether they knew what and why SGA was ever established. They simply gave me an answer which sounded as though it was read straight out of a dictionary. Some students did not even know what SGA was. I asked one student about SGA and he answered, "Is it in San Francisco?"

So that shows how much is what about this school's organizations. I suggest that staff members on the SGA committee continue to get together and really campaign about they're there for.

Have an assembly strictly on the topic, "Join us; that's what we're here for."

Discuss what SGA is about and what they would like to see or have done during the school year. Discuss, argue--anything; just get the students involved.

I believe this will let those students who don't know about their school's organization have a further understanding of its purpose. But, especially, it will attract their interest which is what SGA needs.

John Tafao

LETTER POLICY

Letters to the Editor are welcomed. They can be dropped at Leo O Samoa's desk in the SGA office in the Student Center. Because of a lack of space, the length will be not more than 200 words. Leo O Samoa will print any letter by any student if it is of general interest to the student body. We reserve the right to edit any letters which are too long or to eliminate anything that is libelous or in poor taste. All letters must be signed.

Tii Lolotai

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 24, a commentary on WVUV radio was aired concerning litter. The cause for commentary was because of a letter addressed to Gov. Coleman about our islands.

The couple who wrote this letter envied us, being that we live in such a beautiful setting. They thought that in all their travels, they hadn't met a more wonderful kind of people. But their letter wasn't all praise.

This couple, out of concern for our islands, also gave concrete criticism about--litter. They witnessed people who simply ignored trash cans and just threw rubbish anywhere they pleased. They also had the unfortunate experience of seeing many of our beautiful coastlines ridden with litter. The Gov. answered the letter through our press media, by pleading with the public to help clean up the litter.

Not only on the Island-wide, but also at our college. To have to see Dr. Saeu Scanlan walk down the hallways, talking to other faculty and picking up rubbish on the way is not a very good sign to us, the students. Also Dr. Lefforge pitching in to help our janitors many times. Are they the only ones concerned about litter around campus? Come on, people--don't say, "That's not my job", or "The janitor will clean it up." We have to all pitch in and make that effort to throw all rubbish in its proper place.

Actually, it shouldn't even be an effort. It should be second nature, because I doubt if any of your homes are as dirty as the school is at times. As you have pride in caring for your reputation and having pride for the name you bear, I hope you also take pride in the school you attend and create a reputation of being a clean school as well as a student body who cares about the appearance of their school.



The Open House and Building Dedication on Nov. 9 were highly successful, due to the excellent program and the hard work done by everyone connected with the college. Nearly 1,000 visitors came to the campus that day, enjoyed the program and the Samoan lunch served in the new Student Center cafeteria. Pictured here are some of the performers at the entertainment program that followed the dedication when Gov. Peter Coleman, President Saeu Scanlan and Galea'i Poumele were among the speakers.



Shown above are Dr. Scanlan climaxing the program with the Tauluga; Tilomai, Helmer and Tii; Miss ASCC, Eesee Aolaolagi; and Fa'atuatu Aokuse, Fagalefe Lafua and Nicky Iakopo, of the Christian Club.

--Photo by Hancy Henry.

Clubs Keep Spirit Rolling this Year

By: SIMATIVA FE'A

Seven clubs have already been formed on the college campus.

These are Mcjob, Karate, Disco, Rugby, Christian, Polynesian and Veterans.

Some of these clubs were organized last year but some are new this term.

The Marist College Junior Old Boys club is abbreviated Mcjob and is new on campus this year. It is made up of boys who

attended Marist school, elementary or high school. Its officers are Joseph Leasiolagi, president; Wayne Pita, vice president; Roland Cleaister, secretary, and Fiatau Tugi, treasurer. Their advisers are Venasio Sele and Sam Malepeai. They meet each Wednesday noon.

Karate Club is also new on campus this year. It is open to all those interested. The members are instructed by Helmer Mauga. They have meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

Disco Club is not new on campus since it was formed last year. The club is headed by John Tafao. It is open to all interested students.

Rugby Club has been on campus for the last few years now. It is made up of boys who practice every day at noon. Their instructors are Tu'ufulu Uperesa and Sam Malepeai. Their officers are Makuisa Smith, president; David Fanene, vice president, and Eddie Felise, secretary-treasurer.

One of the old clubs on campus is the Christian Club. It is for any interested students who want to join. Their meeting day is Wednesday noon. Their officers are Filigata Peneue-ta, president; Salumalo Musu, vice president; Makerita Letuligasenoa, secretary, and Fagalefe Lafau, treasurer.

Santa: Food! I'm on a diet. I'm really beautiful when I'm slimmed down--but it's been a while.

Tii Lolati: I plan to go to Hawaii to a wedding and to eat delicious foods.

Santa: Food again! Please! I've got a weight problem already.

the Polynesian Club. It is also open to any interested students.

The Veterans Club is one of the new clubs on cam-

pus. It is made up of people who have served in the United States military--Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines.

Their coordinator on campus is Soli Letuligasenoa, whose office is right off the auditorium. Faculty adviser is Leipei Fa'aoala.

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Along the old pathway is



Jumping high for the ball, Fesuaiga Leiato tips off the ball as the Marist club team turned back the rugby team on a friendly game of basketball on Open House day. The Marist team ran away with the victory after a hard fought battle against the rugby team.

Photo by Tuli Leota, Jr.

PSYCH CLASS DOES SURVEY

The Adolescent Psychology class at ASCC, taught by Kim Marvel, conducted a survey on the attitudes and beliefs of American Samoa adolescents. The class members selected the questions and distributed the surveys to students from age 16 up to the early 20's.

Over 200 students responded to questions concerning alcohol use, sexual behavior, and religious beliefs. The respondents were not selected randomly (that is, not every high school and college student had an equal chance of being surveyed), so the results cannot be applied to the entire population of adolescents in American Samoa, Marvel said. However, the students of the class felt that the results would be of general interest to the readers.

Nine questions were on the survey and the results have been broken down into three categories: overall responses, male-female comparison, and a comparison between those who lived on-island most of their lives with respondents who

lived off-island for the majority of their lives. Two samples from the survey are below.

How often do you drink alcohol (beer, wine, liquor, etc.)? Overall responses: Never-49%; Once or Twice a week-37%; Three to Six times a week-11%; Everyday-3%. The most common answer for males was Once or Twice a week (47%) and for females, Never (55%). On-island and off-island residents responded most commonly with Never (45% and 51%, respectively).

Do you believe in God? Overall responses: Not at all-2%; Little belief - 2%; Average belief - 6%; Strong belief - 16%; Very Strong belief - 74%. 67% of the males and 82% of the females indicated they have a very strong belief in God.

Anyone interested in more information about the survey can contact Kim Marvel in Room 10. Students participating in the survey were Eesee Ao-laolagi, Faatupu Faisamoa, Sinapole La'apui, Swains Le'iato, Moana Liufau, Filemoni Lauilefue, Helmer Muga, Gayla Napoleon, Helen Tauvela, and Lorna Solaita.

JANITORS KEEP ASCC CLEAN

By: NAOMI WOLF

Clean and fresh looking campus is one of the desires and prides of every student and faculty member at ASCC, including all the people of American Samoa.

Five hard working gentlemen are at the college every day cleaning everybody's trash and litter and trying to achieve the best look the school can have.

They are, Nu'u Pele, boss, Peleupu, Va'a Leota, Maea Uaina and Ati.

Every mosquito, termite, various enemy bugs that try to infiltrate the campus buildings and facilities have "war" declared on them. The custodians blast these enemies with powerful insecticides and poisons so that insects are hardly spotted in the campus.

It's hard to find any who

has had a close encounter with either mouse or gecko the buildings. These creatures would create commotions in the classrooms and upset teachers if they made their visits. But they are kept under control.

Continual use of insecticide without protection could lead to poor health, the custodians believe. They'll appreciate it if the school provides masks for insecticiding and some kind of boots or shoes for floor waxing.

"Our feet need breaks from getting waxed daily," said one custodian.

Everybody use the restrooms but would gladly avoid them when these rooms are in disaster hair, cigaret butts, sticky gum, and other litter. All are left for these men to clean up.

Thank you, Mr. Janitor! You play a superb role at ASCC.

New Classes

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the classes to get their bodies in shape before they try strenuous games.

The gym is open all day and recreation sports on a variety of offerings are scheduled.

Another new class, which is well on its way now, is the Instrumental Ensemble, taught by Rosemary Lewis.

"This course will give our talented students a chance to play instruments, like woodwinds and brasses," Robert Lewis, Music chairman, said.

The hope is to have a band evolve from the instrumental instruction.

There are new art courses, to be taught by Tom Yamamoto, art instructor. Ceramics, design and others are scheduled.

A continuation of the new courses added this semester in Career and Personal Development is

PEACESAT Hooks ASCC with the World

PEACESAT was started when NASA offered one of its satellites to the public for its use.

At that time Russell Journigan, then on the ASCC faculty, heard of the opportunity and quickly constructed a radio transmitter and receiver at the college from spare parts.

And that's how PEACESAT began here.

The transmitter-receiver, installed here just off the auditorium in its own air-conditioned rooms, receives messages from such places as Hawaii, Fiji, Rarotonga and other neighboring islands.

PEACESAT is strictly used for public matters. Transmissions range from health programs to com-

puter science.

The two persons who are announcing and receiving on the ASCC station are Betty Donahoe and John Flanigan, both ASCC faculty members. Betty Donahoe is a member of the ELI faculty and Flanigan is in the Science and Math department.

PEACESAT at ASCC is under-used because of the lack of staff.

"If anyone is interested in announcing news or helping out, please get in touch with us," Flanigan said.

The college station joins the network each Monday through Friday and Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday is available for messages from 8 to 9 a.m.

Primarily for education, it is used to exchange expertise in many fields. It has been used here for programs presented by church groups, Girl Guides, Law of the Sea seminars, nurses, journalism news exchange, a series on volcanoes, libraries, public health, agriculture, elementary school children, gerontology and much else.

The satellite PEACESAT uses was originally sent aloft by NASA in 1966 as a weather satellite. NASA thought its useful life would be two or three years so they put up another weather satellite to replace it.

Today the old satellite, about the size and shape of a 44 gallon oil drum, still swings around the earth in an orbit 36,800 km out in space.

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